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COORDINATE EFFORTS AMONG PROGRAMS**

*** California Conference of Local Health Department Nutritionists** – CCLHDN is an affiliate of the California Conference of Local Health Officers, a statutorily-established advisory body to DHS. Its members lead local public health nutrition services. Duties typically include administering a variety of federal, state and locally-determined nutrition and physical activity programs. CCLHDN advises CCLHO and DHS on public health nutrition policies, programs, and issues. It works with the *Network* on increasing nutritionists' technical capacity to build county-wide nutrition-related infrastructures, especially for services and environmental conditions that promote fruit and vegetable consumption, physical activity, food security, and obesity prevention among low-income groups and in geographical areas. One example is *Communities of Excellence in Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity Prevention (CX³)* that helps maximize the local efforts of all USDA-funded programs.

*** Joint Steering Committee of the California 5 a Day Campaign and the California Nutrition Network (1988)** — The Joint Steering Committee (JSC) provides a unique and necessary function for the efficient, cost-effective delivery, coordination, and collaboration of FSNE projects across the state. The JSC also provides a key venue to receive program guidance from DSS and USDA, coordinate with UC Davis FSNEP and other FNS programs serving food stamp eligible Californians. Meetings and teleconferences are conducted to highlight best practices and support the collaboration of FSNE funded programs by maximizing planning; coordinating *Network* and 5 a Day FSNE activities; and providing support for program administration, partnership and organizational development.

*** Interagency Food Assistance Committee, IFAC** -- Convened by DSS, four state agencies meet about quarterly to work toward increasing participation in the Food Stamp Program and otherwise to advance food security and nutrition education. Participants include EFAP and research in DSS, the *Network* and WIC in DHS, UCD's Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program, and CDE's Nutrition Services Division.

*** DHS Food Assistance and Nutrition Education and Outreach Committee, FANOut (2002)** – Convened about quarterly by DHS, the group includes external stakeholders to work together on Food Stamp promotion and the reduction in rates of food insecurity. Besides the four departments serving on IFAC, FANOut includes California's major advocate groups, county Food Stamp directors, the Center for Advanced Studies in Nutrition and Social Marketing, and representatives from the *Network's* food security special projects.

*** DHS Physical Activity and Nutrition Integration Team** – PANIC consists of internal and external stakeholders that provide technical leadership for integrating physical activity and nutrition education within *Network* programs.

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*** DHS Physical Activity and Nutrition Coordinating Committee** – PANCC was created to work across DHS categorical programs to deal with cross-cutting activities, communications and administrative issues. It has led in the development of the DHS Policy Statement on Obesity Prevention that includes *Network* priorities, and it is a clearinghouse for *CX*³ which aims to lay a foundation for more consistent objectives in DHS local assistance contracts. In 2004, its efforts were combined with the California Obesity Prevention Initiative.

*** DHS Obesity Action Team** – Established in 2004 by the State Public Health Officer, this interdepartmental Action Team brings together department-wide leaders to advise the Director on mobilization of effort within DHS and on the DHS components of the Governor's Obesity Initiative. Based on this year's experience, it is expected that in the coming year the Action Team will prepare a new Budget Change Proposal for the 2006-07 state fiscal year that is accompanied by a strategic inventory of existing and needed resources that was requested by the Legislature. This assessment will include the USDA-funded *Network*, the *5 a Day Campaign*, and WIC as well as all other federally funded categorical programs.

*** State Nutrition Action Plan, SNAP** – WIC and the *Network* in DHS, the DSS Food Stamp Program, the Nutrition Services Division of CDE, CDFA, and the UC Davis, FSNEP chose fruits and vegetables as their SNAP priority. A *5 a Day* MoU defines roles of each agency. A federal augmentation of WIC's budget supports leadership for the quarterly collaboration. Funding to implement planned activities is drawn from each program's ongoing budget. Specifics are found on the USDA website.

*** CDE/DHS School Health Connections** – Funded since 1995 through an infrastructure grant from CDC/Division of Adolescent and School Health for coordinated school health, California's state education and public health agencies are working together on the national priorities of obesity, physical activity, and healthy eating. *School Health Connections* advocates for policy and environmental change and supports linkages between health and education, and provides technical support; it does not provide direct services or target solely low-resource schools or children.

*** Superintendent's Task Force on Childhood Obesity, Type 2 Diabetes, and Cardiovascular Disease** – In 2004 Superintendent O'Connell convened a Task Force composed primarily of stakeholders in the education sector to solicit public input and recommend actions that schools should take for the above health problems. Recommendations are being vetted through CDE for adoption by the State Board of Education. DHS was represented in this process through School Health Connections.

*** Governor's Council of Physical Fitness and Sport** – Re-established in 2005 by Governor Schwarzenegger, this leadership group of celebrity volunteers will provide a visible focal point for statewide promotion and advocacy. In the past, the Council took a special interest in promoting sport among inner city and disadvantaged youth. The new Council does not receive any State funding.

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*** California Task Force on Youth and Workplace Wellness** – Established by a State Senator, this Task Force has provided a focal point for raising awareness of low-income nutrition and physical activity issues, initiating the annual *Fit Business Awards* that recognize best practices, and otherwise advancing nutrition and physical activity. By serving on this Task Force, CPNS staff has helped to implement special low-income efforts as part of the Task Force's priority.